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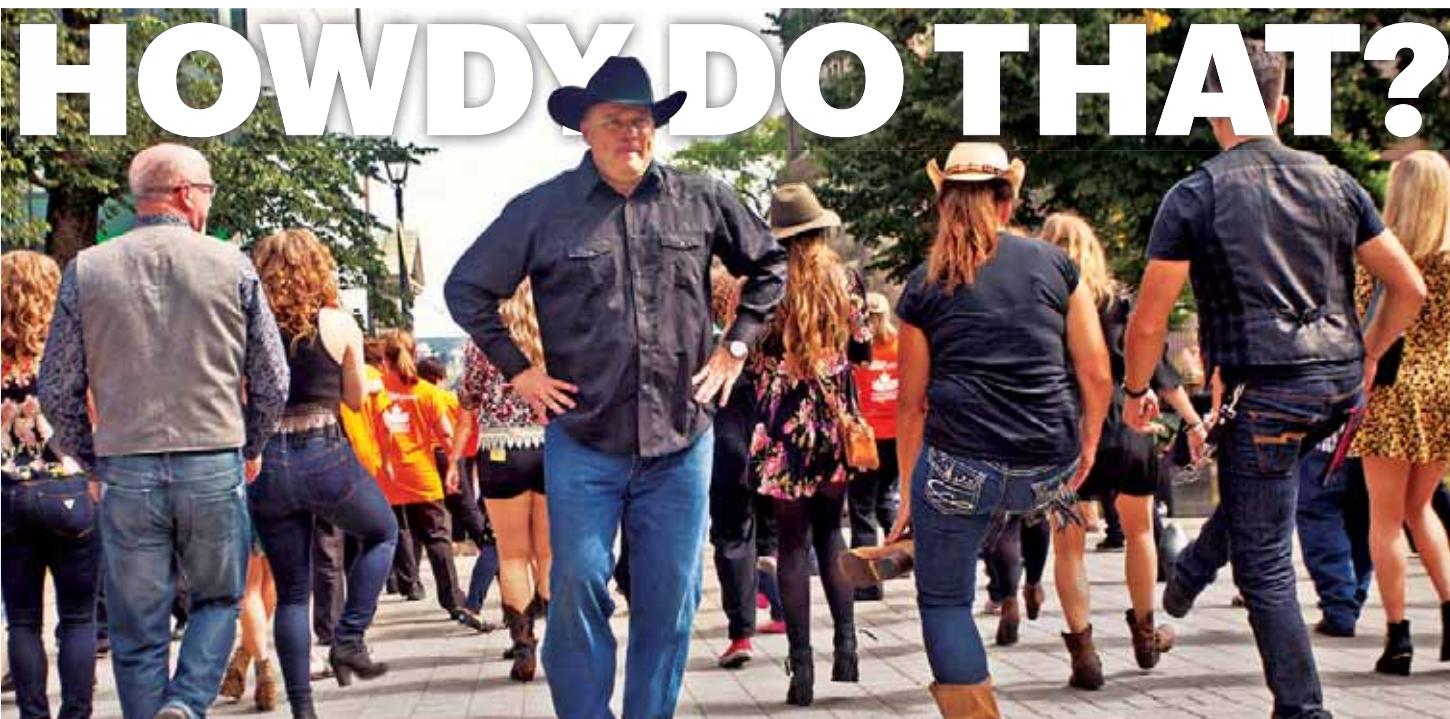
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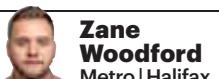
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SCOTIABANK CENTRE
Out with the old, in with the blue



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When country fans pile into the Scotiabank Centre on Sunday, they'll notice some changes.

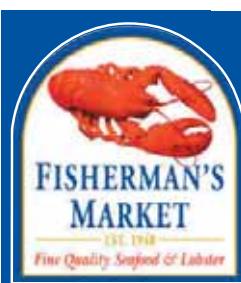
After more than three decades of bright orange seating, the building is now beginning a new era.

"Those 37-year-old seats served us really well ... but there's only so much you can do with seating of that age," Trade Centre CEO Scott Ferguson said.

Ferguson said the new blue seats are more comfortable, easier on the eyes for TV cameras — and they have cup holders.

The building reopens for this Sunday's Canadian Country Music Association Awards, and the old seats will be officially retired at the Halifax Mooseheads' first home game on Sept. 18.

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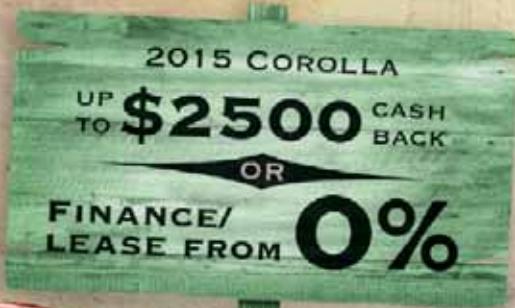
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Debate attracts large crowd

WOMEN'S ISSUES

Incumbent put on the defensive by Liberals and Greens

 **Stephanie Taylor**
Metro | Halifax

The platform lines of Canada's federal parties were drawn thick before a crowd of about 500 people gathered for an all-candidates debate on women's rights and gender equality in Halifax on Thursday night.

It was the first time this election residents in the riding of Halifax had a chance to watch incumbent NDP MP Megan Leslie, Liberal hopeful Andy Fillmore, Thomas Trappenberg of the Green Party, as well as Marxist-Leninist candidate Allan Bezzanson, engage in a public debate.

Conservative candidate Irvine Carvery did not attend the debate held before a near capacity crowd at Citadel High School's Spatz Theatre.

Organized by the YWCA Halifax, along with numerous other community groups, Thursday's debate posed questions to candidates as to their party's stance on issues ranging from missing and murdered aboriginal women and violence and harassment against women to income inequality and affordable housing.



Halifax-riding incumbent Megan Leslie, of the NDP, left, Green Party candidate Thomas Trappenberg and Liberal Party candidate Andy Fillmore discussed women's issues and gender equality at Thursday's debate. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

All candidates committed to holding a public inquiry into murdered and missing aboriginal women and sitting down with provinces to make abortion access a priority, however, attempted to poke holes in each other's platforms on issues of childcare and wages.

To address violence against

women, Leslie said her party has "put pen to paper" in developing a national action plan to stop violence against women and girls, as well as committed a \$40 million investment into women's shelters.

"It's great that the NDP is so concerned, but why did Thomas Mulcair prevent

a national debate on this by not showing up," Trappenberg said afterwards, referring to the opposition leader deciding against participating in a similar debate nationally after learning Prime Minister Stephen Harper wouldn't be.

Several times Fillmore took shots at the NDP's promise

of a \$15 minimum wage and \$15/day childcare, reiterating his party's line that income equality can be alleviated with the Liberal's plan to bring fairness to the middle class.

"The \$15 a day daycare is a mirage. It's a puff of smoke. It's not a real program," Fillmore said, criticizing that

I am proud to be a feminist in the House of Commons and I work hard to bring that voice to Parliament.

Megan Leslie of the NDP

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SCOTIABANK CENTRE

Renovations mean yummy eats, new seats



Next time you go to the Scotiabank Centre, bring your appetite.

As part of the renovations to the building over the last few months, Trade Centre Ltd. brought in a new concessions provider, Centerplate.

The company installed food cart-style concessions stands with options like poutine, donairs, lobster rolls, barbecue, Asian noodles and old classics like hot dogs and pizza.

"People want options when they come to the rink," said Centerplate's Scotiabank Centre General Manager James Demjan.

"Eighty per cent of it's going to be hot dogs and pizza because that's just what people do, but it's for that other 20 per cent that want something different and unique."

The company sought out local talent and food for the "Taste 902" booth, where a pair of local chefs will rotate through every few events, selling their own creations.

The chefs will be paid a fee "for their creativity," with Centerplate taking in the

FINANCING

The renovations were paid for mainly through TCL's naming rights deal with Scotiabank, with Centerplate paying for its concessions stands.



Trade Centre Limited's President and CEO Scott Ferguson shows off some of the recently installed benches at Scotiabank Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO



What's a better way to bring local back into the rink than to create a donair stand?

Centerplate GM James Demjan

brook Meat Market, where they'll be sourcing hot dogs, sausages and pork for the barbecue stand.

Trade Centre Ltd. CEO Scott Ferguson said the idea of using local food and bringing in local chefs made Centerplate's proposal stand out.

"There was something very satisfying about being a part of providing the food for our local event centre," said Flinn.

Demjan said Flinn and Vassallo put Centerplate in touch with some of their suppliers, like Berwick-based Meadow-

abilities, and then engaging those personalities with the discussion about some of the food offerings," he said.

Ferguson said the summer has been a race to finish the renovations, including the concessions, the new seats and upgraded and expanded washrooms.

"Once the Tattoo happened it's really been a full court press with all of our staff," he said.



The Taste 902 booth is part of the additional concessions that will allow a pair of local chefs to sell their own creations. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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IN BRIEF

N.S. keen to take in more refugees, but minister can't say how many

The Nova Scotia government says it's willing to take more refugees from war-torn Syria, but it can't say how many more it can accommodate.

Immigration Minister Lena Metlege Diab says discussions to determine a specific number the province can handle are ongoing in her department and with settlement organizations. But Diab says a final number would ultimately be determined by the federal government, which hasn't responded to her questions on the matter.

Last week the province donated \$50,000 to the Syrian refugee relief effort after deputy premier Diana Whalen said the province was willing to do more.

The Immigration Department says Nova Scotia has received 20 refugees from Syria since 2014.

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Minister: Nova Scotia to announce terms for fuel supply system review

Nova Scotia's municipal affairs minister says the terms of reference for a review of the province's fuel supply are expected to be released as soon as Friday.

Zach Churchill announced an independent review last week after a gasoline shortage spread across the province.

Churchill says the review will be focused on public safety and supply management. He says two panelists will be named to carry out the work. Imperial Oil said the shortage occurred after a delayed marine shipment was followed by a delay in conducting product quality testing and processing for an alternate supply.

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NHL prospects to honour the late Matthew Wuest

TOURNAMENT

Metro reporter and statistician was big Detroit Red Wings fan



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

When young players from eight NHL teams hit the ice in Traverse, Michigan, Friday morning for a NHL Prospect Tournament, they'll be paying tribute to former Metro Halifax reporter and widely-respected sports journalist Matthew Wuest.

And that probably would

have made him uncomfortable.

"I think he'd be floored and embarrassed that there's such a fuss made about him," said his friend and tournament statistician, Sarah Lindenau, over the phone from Traverse Thursday.

After Wuest died in March following a two-year battle with cancer, Lindenau suggested the trophy for the NHL Prospect Tournament be renamed the Matthew Wuest Memorial Cup.

"We wouldn't have a trophy without Matt," she said. Lindenau means that literally.

Ann Reeves took over as director of the tournament five years ago, and needed to enlist Wuest's help right

away. "One of the questions that was posed to me right away was, 'Can you get us the history, the stats of who won, how long they've been in the tournament?' And quite frankly, we did not have that information," she said.

Wuest had that information, dating back to the tournament's first year in 1998.

Statistics were the 35-year-old New Brunswick-born Haligonian's forte. He's renowned in the hockey world for his NHL prospects and statistics site, CapGeek, which he shut down a few months before his death.

Lindenau knew him from working on his first hockey site, the Detroit Red Wings prospects ranking and statis-



We wouldn't have a trophy without Matt.

Tournament statistician
Sarah Lindenau

tics website, RedWingsCentral.com.

"That was his team," she said. "It's kind of crazy where he's from that he loved the Red Wings, but that was kind of his passion, and we shared that together. It was pretty cool."

Though she's disappointed Wuest never made it to Traverse for the round-robin tournament, Lindenau said

she's happy to host his wife and his brother for the first year that his name will be on the trophy.

Lindenau has been getting to know Wuest's wife, Melanie Patten, over the last few months over Facebook.

"I'm actually getting to know a different side of Matt through some of the pictures and just knowing her, which is pretty cool in and of itself," she said.

This year's tournament will raise money in Wuest's name for the Conquer Cancer Foundation, with a text-to-pledge program and social media campaign. For more information on the tournament, go to redwings.nhl.com.



Late Metro reporter Matthew Wuest founded Capgeek, a hockey stats website. METRO FILE

First charge laid under C-45

LABOUR

Shop owner accused of negligence in worker's death

 Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Two years after Peter Kempston's workplace-related death, the first charge of its kind under Bill C-45 has been laid against a Nova Scotia business owner.

In September 2013, Peter Kempston died after the vehicle he was working on caught fire at Your Mechanic Auto Corner in Westphal, the Halifax District RCMP and Department of Labour said Thursday.

Your Mechanic Auto Corner owner Elie Phillip Hoyeck, 41, is charged with one count of criminal negligence causing death under Bill C-45, police said.

"This has been a long and painful process for the family.



A vehicle that caught fire in Westphal on Sept. 20, 2013, killing an employee of Your Mechanic Auto Corner. If convicted, Elie Phillip Hoyeck could face serious jail time or fines. METRO FILE

I want to thank them for their patience and understanding," Labour and Advanced Education Minister, Kelly Regan, said in a release.

"The charges under the

criminal code and the OHS Act are significant and if there is a conviction could lead to considerable fines or jail time. This is a serious reminder to all workplace parties of

the importance of workplace safety," Regan said.

Bill C-45 was created after the 1992 Westray coal mining disaster in Nova Scotia where 26 miners were killed



HEALTH AND SAFETY INFRACTIONS

The 12 Occupational Health and Safety charges include Hoyeck's failure to: ensure the health and safety of persons at the workplace, provide and maintain equipment, provide information and training as necessary

to the safety of the employees, ensure that a portable compressed gas cylinder is protected from falling, and comply with the requirements of CSA Safety in Welding, Cutting and Allied Processes standard.

after methane gas ignited and caused an explosion.

Both the integrated criminal investigation division (made up of the Halifax RCMP and Halifax Regional Police) and labour department launched investigations into Kempston's death.

RCMP Staff Sgt. Tom Townsend said both parties collaborated on the case with the Crown's office.

"The (negligence) charge itself ... deals with what a person may have done, or may not have done, to make

a place of work a safe place," Townsend said.

"This is the first time that this type of charge, associated to these type of circumstances, was laid in the province."

Hoyeck also faces twelve charges under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

He is set to appear in Dartmouth provincial court on Oct. 6 to face the criminal charge, and will appear on Oct. 8 to face the charges under the OHS.



This has been a long and painful process for the family. I want to thank them for their patience.

Kelly Regan, labour minister

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TWOSHINE COUNTY

Band serves lunch, puts on show at Souls Harbour



Haley
Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Some of the men and women eating lunch tapped their hands on the table in time to the beat, smiling as the steady strum of guitars and singing filled Souls Harbour.

A piece of the Canadian Country Music Association's (CCMA) Country Music Week came to Souls Harbour Rescue Mission Thursday, when Daron Schofield and Dennis Hann of the duo TwoShine County helped serve sandwiches and fruit during lunch before performing.

"We just want to spread a good time and shine a little light and positivity when we play," Hann said with a smile before the doors opened.

Schofield said their manager

had helped with a Souls Harbour fundraiser before, and set up a meeting with mission director Michelle Porter, who asked if they'd like to sing some tunes during lunch.

Hann said they jumped at the chance to give back, since many people don't have enough help and places like Souls Harbour are "fantastic" for providing a meal and safe space.

"Music is that universal language that just kind of connects everybody together," Schofield said.

"It doesn't even matter what genre or type of music, or walk of life you come from."

Over 60 people came through during the lunch hour, and Porter said within the three hours the mission is open during the day around 100 people drop in for food or to play cards and socialize.

Porter said the best part of hosting a pop-up concert is that "there's no way" the mission employees or guests would go to the CCMA's this weekend.

"Imagine getting a little taste of it right here at Souls Harbour Rescue Mission. What a treat," Porter said.

One mission guest, who

BACKGROUND

TwoShine County is performing at a songwriter showcase on Friday afternoon at the Casino Nova Scotia at 4 p.m. as part of events for the CCMA's.

goes by J.P., said after the performance he was "never much into new country" but the guys seemed to have a style that was going back to the old school.

"It's actually kind of nice. It breaks the monotony of the day," he said.

Chris Rafuse was taking pictures and nodding along to the music as he ate lunch at the mission, and said afterwards the tunes were "very beautiful."

Rafuse said he likes country music but listens to all genres because music is peaceful and relaxing.

"There's so much turmoil in the world, and to listen to something like that in a place like this where it's for the needy ... it brings joy to every individual I do believe sitting here," Rafuse said.

"You have to smile."



There's so much turmoil in the world, and to listen to something like that in a place like this where it's for the needy ... it brings joy to every individual I do believe sitting here. You have to smile.

Chris Rafuse



Daron Schofield (black shirt) and Dennis Hann of the duo TwoShine County help serve food at the Souls Harbour Rescue Mission on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO



Musician Brian Kelley of Florida Georgia Line. The group will be performing at this year's CCMA's at the Scotiabank Centre on Sunday.

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EVENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

CCMA Legends Show: Established artists, including Hall of Fame inductees, pair with some of country's best rising and current stars to pay tribute to hits of the past. Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$50.

Coors Banquet Kitchen Party: Come out for an old-fashioned Nova Scotia kitchen party at the Cunard Centre, featuring Tim Hicks, Chad Brownlee, Autumn Hill, Wes Mack, Steven Lee Olsen, and Jason Benoit. Friday, 9 p.m. Tickets \$25.

The Irving Oil FanFest: This free afternoon festival at the Cunard Centre has performances by the likes of Gord Bamford, Paul Brandt and Dean Brody. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

John Deere Green Carpet: See the country stars up

close for free as they walk the carpet and mingle with fans. Argyle Street alongside Grand Parade. Sunday, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

CCMA Awards show: Two-hour celebration of Canadian country music at the Scotiabank Centre. Performers include Gord Bamford, Dean Brody and American group Florida Georgia Line. Sunday, 8 p.m. Tickets \$67 to \$113.

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Haligonians will have more time and opportunity to get to France and Ireland next year.

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"Not only will Europe Airpost be returning next summer, they will be here for a longer duration and providing more options for our passengers to access two very popular European destinations," Joyce Carter, the Halifax International Airport Authority president said in a release.

According to the release, Europe Airpost will operate the route between Halifax and Paris via Dublin weekly from July to mid-October in 2016 over three and a half months, compared to two months in previous years.

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Destinations

In 2015, the second year of the route, the statistics show a sales breakdown of 75 per cent from Paris and 25 per cent from Dublin, according to the release.



Pedestrians in Halifax tread along icy sidewalks in this 2013 photo. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

No 'magic wand' for snow removal: Staff

IN BRIEF

New president at Saint Mary's University

A new president has been named for Saint Mary's University in Halifax.

Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray will be formally sworn in as the school's 34th president in a ceremony on Friday in the McNally Auditorium around 1:30 p.m. Numerous uni-



Robert Summerby-Murray
CONTRIBUTED

versity officials and special guests will be present for the event. METRO

Two forced to move by building fire

A fire in downtown Dartmouth Wednesday evening damaged a building and displaced two nearby tenants.

The fire at 85 and 87 Portland Street was reported just before 5 p.m.

The damaged building housed six apartments and a pawn shop at street level.

Volunteers with the Red Cross arranged emergency housing for two people who lived in an adjacent apartment that suffered smoke damage. METRO

ACCESSIBILITY

Committee raises issues with last year's clearing efforts

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Halifax residents may think there's room for improvement when it comes to the clearing of sidewalks in winter, but senior staff say they have their work cut out for them and are making no promises.

On Thursday, both the city's superintendent of Winter

Operations and the director of Transportation & Public Works listened as members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee listed numerous improvements they want to see in place this winter to ensure safer travel for pedestrians and those in the disabled community.

Clearing sidewalks faster, and plowing right to the edge of a curb, emerged as top priorities, along with clearing bus stops and making sure pedestrians have access to crosswalk push buttons.

"We'll be able to make some incremental improvements, unfortunately there's no magic wand that's going to make it perfect, shy of no snow," Winter Operations head Darrin Natolino told Thursday's committee.

If more money is needed, come back to council.

Mayor Mike Savage

One of the challenges, he said, is a conundrum of coordination between sidewalk and street plows that travel at different speeds.

Committee member Meredith Fillmore raised the issue of snow bank heights, citing the dangers of having 12-feet high walls of snow piled in driveways.

"I can't believe we got winter without a child being hit or someone else being hit by

a vehicle because people were walking in the roads," Fillmore said.

"I think we're very lucky as a city that we didn't have a tragedy on our hands."

Mayor Mike Savage made it clear he does not want to see snow removal done to the lowest cost, but rather wants staff to find a way to achieve the best results in a cost-effective way.

"We will do the work that has to be done. We set the standards," he said Thursday.

"What is the cost to service those standards? If more money is needed, come back to council."

City staff are due to present a report on sidewalk-clearing options to regional council in November.

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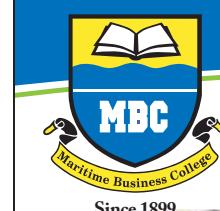
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HIGHWAY 102

Dartmouth man arrested after police chase ends at airport

Police arrested a Dartmouth man after a police chase on Highway 102 that resulted in a driver sideswiping a police vehicle.

In a release, police said officers tried to pull over a speeding vehicle that was driving southbound on Highway 102 on Thursday around 11:15 a.m.

Police said officers had information to suggest the driver may have been impaired.

After failing to pull over, police allege the driver sideswiped a police vehicle, and exited Highway 102 at Exit 6 towards the Halifax Stanfield International Airport, speeding onto Bell Boulevard, but was blocked by construction.

Police said the driver then attempted to steer the vehicle back towards Highway 102, but was stopped by a police vehicle and arrested. METRO

STATUS

The suspect, a 31-year-old man from Dartmouth, sustained no injuries during the chase and currently remains in police custody with numerous charges expected, according to police.



Cape Breton Regional Police on the scene of the fatal collision outside Sydney Academy in February. CAPE BRETON POST

CRIME

Cape Breton police continue to investigate 2006 murder

The Cape Breton Regional Police Service marked the anniversary of the murder of Harold 'Buster' Slaunwhite on Thursday with a renewed request for information into his death.

Slaunwhite was found murdered in his residence at 97 Brook Street, Dominion on Sept. 10, 2006 and police have continued to actively investigate the incident since then.

The investigation is led by a joint team of investigators

from the Cape Breton Regional Police and Nova Scotia RCMP.

An update from local police states they continue to make progress on the case, due in part to people who have come forward with information.

Others with information that could be relevant to the investigation are also asked to continue to come forward.

A phone line — 902-563-5574 — remains available and dedicated specifically to the

Slaunwhite investigation, allowing people to speak directly to the investigators involved.

Police also reminded the public that the murder is part of Nova Scotia's Rewards for Major Unsolved Crimes Program, which offers up to \$150,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for major unsolved crimes.

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CAPE BRETON

Trial of teen accused in student's death continues

A Sydney high school principal testified Thursday that a 16-year-old student admitted to pushing another student into the path of a school bus.

"When I asked him if he pushed him, he said 'Yes, but he asked me to,'" testified Kevin Deveaux, principal at Sydney Academy.

The 16-year-old is on trial after being charged with criminal negligence causing death. The charge stems from a Feb. 11 accident in which 18-year-old Christopher Walter Chafe died after falling into the path of a school bus.

Deveaux testified he was alerted to the accident when another student came into the office and told officials what had occurred.

The principal said he immediately went outside and saw Chafe on the ground. He noticed the accused standing off by himself.

The accident scene was horrific as Chafe's skull ruptured after he was struck.

Deveaux said other students were removed from the area and he took the ac-

cused to his office. He said the young man appeared to be in shock.

The youth court trial has already heard testimony from witnesses at the scene that Chafe was pushed by the accused at least twice. At the time, Chafe was standing on a snowbank between the street and the sidewalk. Estimates have varied on the height of the bank, ranging from one to three feet high.

Thursday was a tough day for one teen witness who began his testimony in the courtroom but later had to testify via closed-circuit television.

He landed on his back, and when he went to sit up, that's when the bus hit him.

Testimony from a teenage witness, who was squeezing a yellow foam rubber stress ball

"I heard him (the accused) say, 'Let's push Chris under the bus. We thought he was joking,'" testified the witness, who was 17 at the time of the incident.

He said he had already seen the accused push Chafe to the street and that Chafe simply got up and returned to the sidewalk.

The second push had Chafe fall onto his back, he said.

"He landed on his back,

and when he went to sit up, that's when the bus hit him," he testified, while squeezing a yellow foam rubber stress ball.

The court was told the youth was recently diagnosed with severe anxiety disorder, which prevented him from continuing his testimony in open court. The trial was adjourned briefly after the youth broke down on the stand and began sobbing uncontrollably.

Testimony so far indicates the two teens were not fighting or arguing. Some of the student witnesses have suggested the antics prior to the

push were nothing more than horseplay.

The Crown, led by prosecutors Steve Melnick and Mark Gouthro, has already called 20 witnesses and is expected to wrap up its case Thursday in calling four police witnesses.

Defence lawyers James Snow and Matt MacNeil are expected to call evidence in the case.

CAPE BRETON POST



Labour Minister Kelly Regan. METRO FILE

Blame it on the NDP, Liberals say

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

Minister faults New Democrats' law for Egg Studio closure

Nova Scotia's Liberal government is blaming the impending closure of a small Halifax production studio on a labour law brought in by the former NDP government.

Labour Minister Kelly Regan said the decision to close by Egg Studios is the result of the NDP's first contract arbitration law.

The law, passed in 2011, imposed arbitration settlements on first contracts for newly unionized workplaces when sides failed to reach a collective agreement.

"Let's be clear here, this is happening because the previous NDP government brought in first-contract arbitration, which imposed a first contract on this organization," said Regan.

But Regan said there is little the government can do for the company because the matter was upheld by the courts. The Labour Department will do what it can to help the 20 workers affected by the closure find new employment, she said.

In a statement on Facebook, Egg Studios says it will close on Nov. 6.

The company blames a Nova Scotia Labour Board ruling that said freelance film technicians had the right to union representation for its decision to close.

"There will be no spin-off business and certainly no concerted effort to bypass the labour board ruling," the company says in the statement.

The company called the Trade Union Act "outdated and unfair."

"We will always love Nova Scotia for its beauty and charm, but the fact is this province is not open for business," it said.

NDP labour critic Dave Wilson said while losing Egg Studios is unfortunate, blaming the former government is an "irresponsible" move by Regan.

Wilson contends the crux of the issue is that management at Egg Studios didn't want the company to be unionized.

"From the very start they challenged the fact that their members had the right to organize," said Wilson. "That's a right that every Canadian has and the Supreme Court of Canada has upheld that right."

The Liberals changed the law shortly after taking power in the fall of 2013 to remove time limits on conciliation and require the parties in a negotiation to demonstrate bad faith in bargaining before moving to arbitration.

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We are done and saying farewell to Nova Scotia.

Statement on Facebook by Egg Studios

WEATHER

Henri not expected to hit N.S.

Don't worry too much about Henri wrecking the weekend.

According to an update from Environment Canada on Thursday, the storm system currently tracking north from a position east of Bermuda is unlikely to affect the Maritimes.

Henri is expected to move into Canadian waters on Friday, but remain mostly a marine system south of Atlantic

Canada until it reaches the Avalon Peninsula of Newfoundland.

"Henri may briefly make landfall on Saturday before racing eastward into the Atlantic," the latest weather agency update says.

"The highest winds will be near and south of the storm track from the Laurentian Fan into the Grand Banks," the update adds. "Gale warn-

SPEED

As of Thursday morning, the storm system had sustained winds of 65 km/h and was moving north at a speed of four knots.

ings have been issued for the Laurentian Fan and will probably be extended into the

Grand Banks of Newfoundland early on Friday."

The weekend might still be a soggy one in Nova Scotia, Environment Canada says: "An unrelated front is expected to stall over New Brunswick on Friday due in part to the presence of the tropical system and may give significant amounts to the Maritimes."

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UNFAVOURABLE WIND WET WEEKEND AHEAD The newest Halifax Transit ferry, The Craig Blake, passes the Mar II near George's Island on Thursday. Environment Canada is predicting a wet weekend, with sun possibly returning on Sunday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Five arrested for stealing, crashing van

CAPE BRETON

RCMP track culprits after vehicle drives into ditch



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Five people have been arrested after a stolen vehicle crashed in Cape Breton.

RCMP in Guysborough County said officers received a report of a suspicious vehicle driving around in the Sherbrooke area on Wednesday around 9 p.m.

Police said while officers were responding to that call, another report of a single-vehicle crash on Highway 7 in Lochiel Lake came in.

A preliminary investigation determined that a minivan, which police allege had been

stolen from the Sydney area, was driven into a ditch on Highway 7.

Four people were arrested at a scene, while officers had to use a police service dog to locate a fifth suspect, who was also arrested.

Police said a 34-year-old man and a 30-year-old woman, both from Sydney, are set to appear in Antigonish provincial court on Sept. 18 to face a slew of charges, including one count each of possession of property obtained by crime.

The man has also been charged with two counts of breach of probation.

Police said a 26-year-old man, 28-year-old woman and 17-year-old from Sydney were also laid with charges.

CONDITION

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WINDSOR

Al-Qaida metaphor infuriates fire crew

For members of the Windsor Fire Department (WFD), comments made at a recent West Hants council meeting are disconcerting.

Windsor deputy fire chief Jamie Juteau said he felt compelled to speak out after learning what Coun. Randy Matheson said on Sept. 8.

"It's one thing to have a difference of opinion on fire services in our area, but to take one of the participants in that and relate them to a known, violent terrorist organization is unfathomable as far as I'm concerned," said Juteau.

The comment that landed Matheson in hot water was made as he tried to explain why inviting the WFD back to the table wouldn't work.

"I hope time heals, but what you're asking us to do is to invite the Windsor Fire Department back to the table, a group that is actively trying to sabotage our efforts. It's like inviting al-Qaida to an anti-terrorist task force," he said at the meeting.

Matheson has since issued a news release in response to his controversial comment.

"My analogy, which in hindsight was ill-chosen, was designed to illustrate that the MLA's proposition of inviting the Windsor Fire Department back to the negotiation table was not creditable. I was referring to the situation and not the people," he wrote.

HANTS JOURNAL



Hundreds of kids wore pink for Stand Up Against Bullying Day at John MacNeil Elementary School. BEN COUSINS/FOR METRO

Gallant schoolchildren put the hue in humanity

EDUCATION

Students have seen benefit of the annual event firsthand

Ben Cousins
For Metro | Halifax

A sea of pink flooded the halls

of schools across Nova Scotia on Thursday.

The second Thursday of the school year marks Stand Up Against Bullying Day, during which students and staff don pink shirts, hats, pants and anything they can find to send a message about bullying.

The inspiration came from two high-school students from Cambridge who rallied behind a newcomer after he was bullied for wearing pink. The two

boys decided to also wear pink in protest.

The day of solidarity started in 2007 and has grown ever since — from a couple of participating schools to being virtually provincewide.

"The whole business of wearing pink and using pink as a symbol of stamping out bullying (came from them)," said Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Karen Casey during an event at John MacNeil

Elementary School in Dartmouth.

Casey said the department has been working toward a better way of identifying and reporting bullies and their victims.

At least one in three Canadian teens have reported being bullied "recently," according to a 2012 report from the Canadian Institute of Health Research.

"You're supposed to be using kind words; you're not supposed to be putting hands on (others)," said Cierah Smith-Sparks, a

Grade 6 student at John MacNeil Elementary.

Bullying victims are two to nine times more likely to consider suicide, according to a study by Yale University.

Some of the students at John MacNeil have seen the positive impact of the anti-bullying day first-hand.

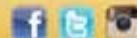
"People used to fight on the playground, but now they don't," said fifth grader Shantal Olivia Willis.



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Rethinking electives

Forget making ashtrays in shop class — these days, high school students can choose from an array of unique electives, whether they're learning how to build an igloo, produce their own film, construct flying machines with the help of 3D printers, or critically analyze the implications of genocide. It's enough to make anyone want to go back to school.



**Deena
Douara**
Metro | Toronto

There may have been a time when the most radical thing you did in school was dissect a frog. Today's students, though, are exposed to electives enticing enough to consider going back to school for. Across the country, teachers are striving to create unique experiences for their students. The following is a sampling of what some high school students will be signing up for this year.

**Genocide and Crimes
Against Humanity —
Toronto District School
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Rather than simply teaching past horrors that we've supposedly risen above and evolved from, teacher Raneem Azzam for three years challenged her students at Avondale Secondary Alternative to examine whether they may be complicit in modern injustices in a course being offered in select schools across the TDSB this year. Through analysis of colonialism, racism, dehumanization and ultimately, genocide, her students are equipped to critically analyze the present.

"It's important for students to have a chance to look at history from a social-justice lens," says Azzam, who is not teaching the course this year. After looking at identity formation, discrimination, and the roles of bystanders, rescuers, and opportunists, the course culminates with students selecting a case study and formulating their own thesis about how and why genocide took place and the implications for future generations.

"It can be overwhelming or disheartening at times, but I think ... can make students hopeful instead of fatalistic because when you understand how individuals and societies can participate in such atrocities, you have a better sense of how to prevent and stop them."

**Igloo Building, Kayak
Making, Introduction to
Archeology — Netsilik
Ilihakvik School, Taloyoak,
Nunavut**

While many of us have only seen igloos depicted in picture books, Inuit people need a better understanding. Knowing how to make one is a life-saving skill, explains principal Gina Pizzo. "People get lost and stranded every year," she says.



Ian Aklah, a student at Netsilik Ilihakvik School in Taloyoak, Nunavut, stands on an igloo he helped build. CONTRIBUTED



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Raneem Azzam, teacher

At Netsilik Ilihakvik School, elders teach students to test snow for strength, evaluate depth, measure, cut and stack blocks at the appropriate angles, create a sleeping platform and fill gaps.

Students even go out in January, when temperatures can reach -40 C.

Igloo-making is just one of three lessons under the cultural-studies elective. Students also become archaeologists, exploring the land for artifacts after the community has moved on, such as ancient fox traps, tent rings, caches used to preserve meats, and rock structures used to hide hunters from caribou. Finally, Pizzo says students learn the nearly lost art of kayak-making.

"The cultural knowledge and language is part of who the people are," she says. "It's important to preserve that knowledge, and from time to time that knowledge of being on the land ... comes in pretty handy."

**Gaelic — Citadel High
School, Halifax School
District, Nova Scotia**
Gaelic culture is an important

part of the history of Nova Scotia, but as recently as 10 years ago, the culture appeared to be at risk. Gaelic program co-ordinator Melissa Shaw says.

"But the momentum is strong right now." She says due to "phenomenal" interest, her school offers both Gaelic history and language courses.

Shaw explains that Gaels were told their language was backwards and were widely discouraged to teach it to their children to instead focus on English. As a result, an entire generation has little or no knowledge of the language, while the next generation attempts to reclaim it. "It's time," says Shaw.

Many of the students enrol because it's important to them on a personal level.

Alysha Danielle Mogensen, 17, is enrolled for her third year of Gaelic and plans to continue after graduating. "It became really important to me as I started taking it and got to know the community," she says. "It's a very cool culture and language and it's been dying out more and more. I think it's important we keep it going."

Mogensen and her peers learn through songs and stories while also learning about Gaelic music, drama and technology. The learnings culminate in a final feis, or festival, where the entire community is invited to partake in fiddle, step dance, highland dance, storytelling and language workshops.

**The Delta Film Acting
Academy and Production
Academy — Delta School
District, B.C.**

Secondary students across Delta School District get the opportunity to study acting and film production in an intensive, practical way with the aim of helping them launch careers in the industry.

In the production stream, aspiring film, television and documentary makers actually produce a movie, starting with a concept and concluding with a gala screening.

"There's an overwhelming sense of pride that they could take an idea and work together ... to take it all the way to the end," says Paige Hansen, co-founder and district vice-principal of academy programs. "I think it's extremely empowering



**Delta Film Academy students
shoot a scene.** CONTRIBUTED

for young people to go 'Wow, look at what I just did and look what I can do.' And it's something they walk away with, forever."

"My favourite is probably writing and directing," says Kama Sood, who has visited his actor father on sets. "When I joined the Academy is when I really realized I do want to work in the film industry."

Throughout the year, students learn from film professionals like storyboard artists, visual effects artists, directors, agents and actors, while also attending sets, industry events and career expos. Delta is ideally situated, Hansen explains, due to its high volume of film production.

**Intro to Engineering —
W.P. Wagner, Edmonton
Public Schools, Alberta**

Things that buzz are left to go on their merry way in Victor Wong's classroom. That's because there's a good chance the thing is a student-made nano-quadcopter (more commonly referred to as drones).

In W.P. Wagner's inaugural Intro to Engineering last year, Wong helped Grade 10 students use gadgets, tools and technology toward the production of functional products.

He says the experiential pass-fail course is unique in how it integrates engineering concepts with chemistry, physics and biochemistry. Students work in the computer lab, lab room and a

We're really pushing the idea of students as makers and tinkerers who are driving their own learning.

Shauna Cornwell, teacher

workshop equipped with a 3D printer.

"The best part is getting out of the classroom and into the shop where we could really use our own ideas and put them to the test," says Tomas Pospisil, who took the course last year. "It was fully hands-on and at the end you always had something substantial."

Vice-principal Martin Fechner, who helped develop the course, explains that post-secondary institutions were complaining that students "can't collaborate, they can't think on their own, and can't be creative."

He says the course pushes students to work together to problem-solve, independent of the teacher. "You have the resources, you figure it out," says Fechner of their approach. Wong adds that the experience of "constructive failure" is transformational for some students accustomed to constant success.

**STEAM Program
(Science, Technology,
Engineering, Arts, and
Math education) —
Winnipeg School Division**

Some lucky students in Winnipeg will walk into a beanbag-chair and standing-desk classroom with iPads, SMART boards, Lego robotics, a green screen, recording devices and studio lights at their disposal.

"We're really pushing the idea of students as makers and tinkerers who are driving their own learning," explains Shauna Cornwell, WSP enrichment and innovation consultant.

The STEAM enrichment program, launched last year, takes select students in grades 4 to 6 from across the division to an off-site classroom-lab to pursue self-generated inquiry projects while also coming together for "instant challenges" and smaller projects, like creating Rube Goldberg machines, weekly news broadcasts and stop-motion films.

"They have to use design thinking to solve problems and answer questions," says Cornwell, adding that the emphasis is on critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity.



Stephen Harper and wife Laureen pose with a young girl dressed as Anne of Green Gables as they depart Charlottetown, P.E.I., on Thursday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper hits re-set button

ELECTION ANALYSIS

Tory leader looks past inner circle for help with campaign

A rattled Stephen Harper convened a quiet and private dinner this week at friend's home in Toronto in a bid to re-set a troubled Conservative campaign, *Torstar News Service* has learned.

Harper — who is "his own gut-check" as one insider puts it — reached out beyond his own trusted circle "inside the bubble" of the senior campaign ranks to people on the outside, a small knot of individuals who examined where Harper was, and where he was going.

Down fast, according to some polls.

Headlines this week played up the exit of campaign manager Jenni Byrne, who spent two weeks on the campaign plane during the Duffy trial, and her return to Ottawa party headquarters.

On Thursday, more headlines: a report that Australian polling consultant Lynton Crosby was parachuting in to pull the rip-

cords on a campaign in free-fall. Dubbed the Wizard of Oz, the "arrival" of the brash, tough-talking hard-nosed strategist who has worked on Boris Johnson's London mayoral bid and U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron's campaign team, appeared to breathlessly confirm the narrative that Harper's senior campaign team needed adult supervision or, worse, rescue.

It appears Crosby has been involved in testing responses to campaign messaging but is not, as was reported, re-framing key messages or designing ads for a sinking ship.

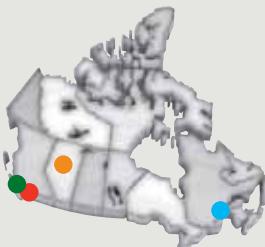
And though it had been a terrible week, sources inside and outside the campaign say, the dissension in the ranks had largely settled, though irritants — like the leak about Crosby's role — infuriated still.

Nevertheless, by Thursday, Harper, who'd been visibly irritated at questions about his campaign team, put paid to any suggestion they'd lost his confidence.

Asked about the performance of campaign manager Jenni Byrne on Thursday Harper refused to comment, saying he won't discuss "questions of staffing."

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WHERE THE LEADERS ARE FRIDAY



- **Stephen Harper** will be in Victoriaville, Que.
- **Justin Trudeau** will be in North Vancouver and Burnaby, B.C.
- **Tom Mulcair** will be in Edmonton.
- **Elizabeth May** will be in Parksville, B.C.

ASYLUM

Drowned boy's father blames Canada

metro The Syrian Crisis The Tragedy

The father of a three-year-old Syrian boy whose body washed up on a Turkish beach has told a German newspaper that he blames Canadian authorities for the tragedy that also killed his wife and another son.

Abdullah Kurdi told *Die Welt* that he does not understand why Canada rejected his application for asylum.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), however, says it received no refugee application from Kurdi. Tima Kurdi, his sister in Coquitlam, B.C., says she hasn't made one.

CIC did, however, receive an application for Kurdi's brother, Mohammed, but said it was incomplete and did not meet regulatory requirements for proof of refugee status recognition. Tima Kurdi has said that although there was no official application

made for Abdullah's asylum, his plight was brought to the attention of Immigration Minister Chris Alexander when her local NDP MP handed over a letter to him in the House of Commons earlier this year.

The Kurdi boys and their mother were among at least 12 migrants, including five children, who drowned Sept. 2 when two boats carrying them to the Greek island of Kos capsized.

"Yes, the authorities in Can-

ada, which rejected my application for asylum, even though there were five families who were willing to support us financially," Abdullah Kurdi replied when asked by *Die Welt* at whom he levelled blame for the tragedy.

The heartbreaking photo of Abdullah's drowned boy was met with a global outcry and galvanized the debate on the migrant crisis in Europe.

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IN BRIEF**Number into Greece doubles in four days**

The International Organization for Migration says its estimate of the number of Syrians who have arrived in Greece this year has nearly doubled in just the last four days to more than 175,000 people.

The agency attributes the jump to an accelerated influx of Syrians in recent days and a lag by overwhelmed Greek authorities in determining the nationalities of those arriving. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Europe to blame for crisis, Syrian minister argues

Syria's information minister on Thursday said Europe should bear full responsibility for the flood of Syrian refugees streaming into the continent because of its past policies in backing those fighting to overthrow the government in Damascus.

The minister, Omran al-Zoubi, said the migrants are mostly fleeing areas held by rivals of President Bashar Assad's government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. planning to accept 10,000 Syrian refugees

The United States is making plans to accept 10,000 Syrian refugees in the coming budget year, a significant increase from the 1,500 migrants that have been cleared to resettle in the U.S. since civil war broke out in the Middle Eastern country more than four years ago, the White House said Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Migrants go online before going on road

metr The Syrian Crisis**Political Fallout**

Displaced use Internet, phone apps to plan journey

The 26-year-old Syrian economics graduate knew exactly what to do and where to go.

Amr Zaidah, with the aid of GPS, helped pilot the inflatable boat that brought him and about 30 more migrants to the closest spot to the village of Molivos on Lesbos, one of several Greek islands that have this summer served the tens of thousands of migrants as a first stop on the journey to western Europe.

Molivos, he knew, was where buses were taking migrants to the capital of Lesbos, Mytilene, some 50 kilometres to the south. The alternative would be a punishing trek on narrow dirt tracks hugging the coast and lined by olive trees, a stretch of highway and a narrow road that cuts through rolling hills.

At Mytilene, Zaidah also knew, he and the eight friends he came with could seek the official document that allows them to continue their journey.

"I have researched our journey for more than two months," said Zaidah, a native of the Syrian city of Aleppo



Refugees check their mobiles aboard a ferry travelling from the northeastern Greek island of Lesbos to the port of Piraeus, Thursday. SANTI PALACIOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

who has worked the past two years as an accountant in Istanbul. "I used social media networks to look into where to go, who is the best smuggler to hire and what stuff we needed for the trip," he said.

"I familiarized myself with weather forecasts, wind patterns and how to avoid being conned out of our money by smugglers."

Zaidah is one of the thousands of mostly young Syrians and Iraqis who have been taking advantage of social media networks and smartphone apps

I have researched our journey for more than two months.
Amr Zaidah, 26

to guide their journey across the sea from Turkey and onward to Western Europe.

On one Facebook group, for example, Syrians and others who already made the trip across the Aegean Sea share

the names and telephone numbers of good smugglers in Turkey, warn of pitfalls and give other advice.

Called "al-Mushantateen," a play on the Arabic words for "suitcase" and "diaspora," the group includes posts by volunteers.

Zaidah and his group already know which border points they will cross, hotels they can stay in and stores where they can get clothes more suitable for the fall weather as they head north.

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SYRIA

Russia sending troops

Russia has been sending military forces into Syria in recent days, Israel's defence chief announced Thursday, as Moscow hinted at broader action to bolster President Bashar Assad's embattled army following a string of battlefield losses.

The increased Russian activity in Syria reflects Moscow's deep concerns that its longtime ally is on the brink of collapse, as well as hopes by President Vladimir Putin that a common battle against Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant extremists can improve Russia's ties with the West, strained over Ukraine.

But the strategy could be risky — and unless Russia sends large numbers of troops, halting the territorial gains made by Islamic militants could prove tough.

Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Yaalon told reporters Thursday that the Russian buildup appears to be limited for the time being. He said military advisers, technicians and security guards have arrived in recent days, with the main goal of setting up an air base near the coastal town of Latakia that could be used to stage strikes on Islamic State fighters.

"As far as we understand, at this stage we are talking about a limited force that includes advisers, a security team and preparations for operating planes and combat helicopters," Yaalon said. He called the move "significant."

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Creating bold new worlds

NINTENDO

Super Mario Maker lets fans design, share their own levels

Of all the obstacles Super Mario has faced in three decades as a video game superstar, perhaps the biggest has been challenging level design.

The famous plumber has rocketed through the clouds, faced the dangers of the deep and traversed fiery caves in his ceaseless quest to rescue Princess Peach from the clutches of the bellicose Bowser.

Now gamers themselves can see how they stack up with Nintendo's developers with Super Mario Maker, out Friday for the Wii U to coincide with Super Mario's 30th anniversary.

The game's toolbox has plenty to get new players started as they construct their levels. Players can easily choose where to put enemies, power-ups and traps, and more elements become available over time.

No matter when you got into Super Mario's adventures, there



Players get a sneak peek at the game during E3, an annual gaming convention, in June. Nintendo's newest title was released today for its Wii U console to coincide with the title character's 30-year anniversary. Inset: A level created using the software's toolbox. FREDERIC J. BROWN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

will be something here to suit your tastes. You can make levels based on the aesthetic of the 1985 original, or plot a course with the polished HD visuals of the Wii U's New Super Mario

Bros.

One of the coolest features is the ability to change that aesthetic on the fly, so you can start out plotting a level using the classic 16-bit look of Super

Mario World and then change instantly to see how your level would look in an 8-bit or modern game.

Super Mario Maker saves gamers from too much com-

plexity. There is no need to worry about scripting enemy behaviour — just plop a Koopa Troopa on the screen and watch him go.

You will want your levels to be as polished as possible, of course, before submitting them to a jury of your peers. The game's "course world" lets players share their courses online, as well as play and rate levels designed by others.

So long as there are creators making levels, the replay value of Super Mario Maker is very high. One of the early trial levels on offer had Mario running a deadly gauntlet of cannon fire in order to reach his goal with no margin for error. It made the toughest of Super Mario's previous adventures look like Candy Crush.

The game retails on Nintendo's eShop for \$69.99, which some may argue is high for what is essentially a level editor, even if it's a very good one.

But series fans who have always wanted to put Mario through twisted trials of their own making should get their money's worth.

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IN BRIEF

Weakened loonie forces Dollarama to raise prices

Dollarama says the weaker Canadian dollar is forcing it to raise prices and could lead the discount retailer to increase its current price threshold from \$3 to as much as \$4 by late next year.

"The probability is in the third and fourth quarter of next year, we'll have to move our price points up," CEO Larry Rossy said Thursday during a conference call. "We like to maintain our prices as long as we can, but this is really an exceptional time where the Canadian dollar has gone so poorly against the U.S. dollar."

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Users running the operating system on computers like these Acer laptops are concerned about the access Microsoft has to their data and browsing history. RAINER JENSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TECHNOLOGY

Microsoft criticized over Windows 10 privacy

Microsoft's new Windows 10 operating system has been praised for improving upon the flaws of its predecessor, but the company is facing widespread criticism for what some are calling invasive data collection.

Under its default privacy settings, Windows 10 tracks the way users type, what applica-

tions they use, their browsing history and other personal data.

Windows 10 also sends a weekly "activity update" on children's web browsing and computer history to their parents. Some parents have publicly described receiving those emails from Microsoft as "creepy."

Users have to actively turn off

the features to stop the tracking.

Some experts argue that personal information is the new currency of the digital age.

"Most people see a free service like Facebook or Twitter and they assume that it has absolutely no strings attached," said technology analyst Carmi Levy.

Microsoft is offering Windows

10 as a no-cost upgrade for many of its users, yet Levy says there's no such thing as a free launch.

"We pay with our data, we pay with our personal information," he said, adding most tracking is benign and can improve the user experience by remembering individualized settings.

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AUTO INDUSTRY

Fiat Chrysler issues recall for 250K Ram trucks in Canada

Fiat Chrysler is recalling more than 250,000 trucks sold in Canada to deal with problems that may affect driver-side airbag deployment and steering in Ram pickups and Chassis Cabs.

In one of several announcements Thursday, Fiat Chrysler says 235,925 trucks in Canada are part of a global recall of more than 1.3 million vehicles to inspect and service a steering wheel harness that can become worn and cause inadvertent air bag deployment on the driver's side.

The company said it was aware of two related injuries, but no accidents. It says 1.06 million of the vehicles covered by that recall were sold in the United States.

Another recall to inspect and service bracket welds that may



The Dodge Ram 1500 is part of the automaker's global recall of 1.3 million vehicles.

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reduce steering response affects nearly 193,600 vehicles worldwide — 20,603 in Canada.

A third recall, of 188,000 trucks in the United States, is to ensure side-curtain air bags comply with U.S. regulations to reduce the risk of an occupant

being ejected during a rollover. It affects Ram 1500 Quad Cab pickups from 2014 and 2015.

An investigation by the company discovered certain supplied steering components may have welds with insufficient fusion. This may lead to separation. It says there could be diminished steering response.

The number is unusually high and an indication of quality control problems, said Clarence Ditlow, head of the Center for Auto Safety, a non-profit advocacy group.

Fiat Chrysler said the 2014 Ram was well received by customers and contributed to the pickup truck's 24 per cent sales gain over 2013. THE CANADIAN PRESS, WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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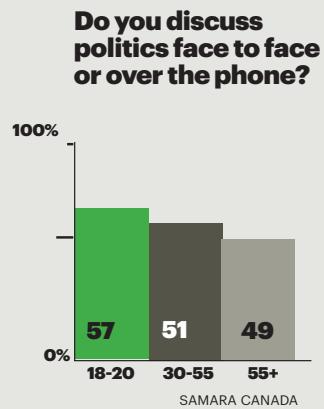
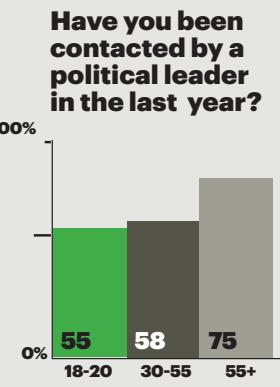
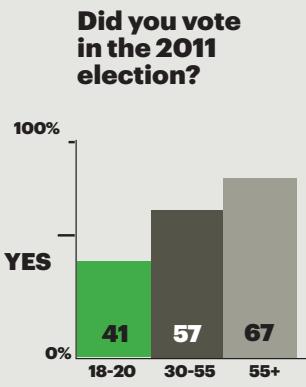
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Why don't young people vote?

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THE KOHLER REPORT: ON THE EVIL MAGIC OF MIRRORS



Sometimes I look at myself and see an OK-looking youngish woman; sometimes I see a bag of garbage.

You know that drawing they show you at school that's either an old lady or a young woman, depending on how you look at it? I'm sad to report that I am that drawing.

Sometimes I look at myself and see an OK-looking youngish woman; sometimes I see a bag of garbage who clearly needs a nap.

My confusion is not emotional; it's technical. It has little to do with self-esteem and everything to do with what mirror I'm looking in. It's amazing how a mirror can make or break my day.

I was shopping for clothes the other day at a store whose name rhymes with

The Pap (I chose "Pap" because my experience there was barely more enjoyable than undergoing a medical exam that rhymes with tap fear). As I got undressed in the change room, I became startled when I saw that a haggard woman with cellulite on her face was also getting undressed in the change room. I was about to call security ("Have this beast removed!") when I realized that woman was me.

How could this be? I'd left my house a fresh-faced, dewy-lipped vixen and wound up a meth-head with under-eye bags packed for a camping trip. This was a

case of good lighting versus bad lighting. At home I've rigged it so that I have light coming from both sides of my mirror; meanwhile, fitting rooms at The Pap employ the diffuse overhead lighting of a hospital cafeteria.

Needless to say, I didn't buy anything. It's amazing to me that a major chain store hasn't done everything they can to show you your best self while wearing their garments. It's hard to feel good in a blouse when it looks like you're coming down with the plague.

On the flip side, there's a less-than-great bar I used to

suggest to prospective dates because the bathroom lighting made me look I'd just gotten back from a sunny vacation and finished a cleanse. As bad as bad lighting can be, good lighting can erase wrinkles, zits and bags, acting like White Out for the skin.

Here's the question I struggle with: Which mirror should I believe? If I'm to believe the windows on the subway, or most elevator mirrors, then I'd might as well stop going out in public. It's too bad we don't have a more consistent representation of our appearances.

I imagine I lie somewhere between the meth-head and the tanned, wrinkle-free woman. And I guess I can live with that because I don't have much choice.

Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler.



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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD



metroview

Unless I'm leaning into your neck, the best scent is no scent

My mum doesn't often wear perfume, but when she does, it is Fendi.

The smell — more spicy than sweet — conjures floral silk scarves and dark pews of a church.

I'd forgotten that until yesterday, when a colleague piped up in a conversation on the uselessness of cologne. "I like having a signature scent," she said, contrarily.

And mum came to mind. A signature scent, my colleague went on, is not about just anyone smelling you. The era of boutique fragrances with names like Victory Wolf and Realism is about a unique scent that's intended only for you, or someone entering your personal space. These aren't the CK One high-school-dance days.

I'd been saying that cologne should be banned. Or that no one should want to wear it. It's like the thick and unappetizing icing on supermarket cakes that everyone avoids.

If, as happened recently, I have to move seats in a café because a man with an overbearing stench has sat down next to me, he might as well have terrible body odour. The positive outcome he's looking for (to smell enticing) ends up being a severe negative (he smells horrible). I have to move, and he comes off smelling desperate. Olfactory sleaze. What's the point of

wearing the stuff, when it is, to quote another colleague, a social net negative?

Unless I'm leaning into your neck, the best scent is no scent at all.

And while I've been known to like lavender oil, I still think, in that personal space, all perfumes and colognes pale compared to a person's natural smell. It's always been one of the sexiest things about any man I've dated. I even prefer the tang of sweat. The smell of a body brings up the image of the body, and what could be more enticing?

I've even used cologne to separate the men I'd be happy to date from those I would avoid. And I don't wear any scent.

In words often attributed to Coco Chanel, we hear, "A woman who doesn't wear perfume has no future."

As badly as that may bode for me, the opposite is true for a man who wears too much. Smell is about memory. It's about desires and associations — all of which can be good or bad. My colleague even changes her perfumes from time to time and can't go back to the old ones, entwined as they are with the places she used to live, the person she used to be.

I may have no future, but the anxiously over-perfumed man has no date.

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The day TIFF stood still

REMEMBERING 9-11

Art prevailed over terror in a dark moment of festival history

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Like millions of people I remember exactly what I was doing the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001.

When the first plane hit the World Trade Center I was walking down Bloor Street in Toronto, on my way to the Inter-Continental hotel to do a day of Toronto International Film Festival coverage.

I didn't register anything unusual in the air until I got to the hotel. People on the street may have been walking and talking a bit faster, acting a bit more animated than usual, but not so that I noticed.

Entering the hotel was a different story. The halls were eerily silent.

What was usually a cheery beehive of activity with camera crews, stressed publicists and actors roaming around, was now quiet, still.

At 9 a.m. I walked into our makeshift interview suite on the third floor just as the second plane hit. My crew were sitting around the television. Sobs from the rooms next to ours broke the stunned silence.



People attend a memorial on Sept. 11, 2013, as the 'Tribute in Light' shines from the Manhattan skyline next to One World Trade Center. GETTY IMAGES

What the hell was going on?

What was going on was a change in all our lives; a new era where the unthinkable became possible.

It was a confusing day. With no details we, like many others, pressed on with the

business at hand.

David Lynch came and went, smoking American Spirits and chatting about his film Mulholland Drive.

A handful of others walked the halls, unsure of what else to do, keeping previously scheduled interview slots.

When I mentioned to New York actress Adrienne Shelly that I couldn't reach my girlfriend, who was living in Manhattan, she loaned me her cellphone.

"For some reason it seems to get through," she said.

It did, and after a quick

call to make sure she was safe, the full impact of what had just happened sunk in. Sometimes the small stuff, the personal things — like the anxious voice at the other end of the line — help you understand the magnitude of a grim situation.

We cancelled the rest of the day but I stayed put, talking to my hotel neighbours, most of whom were Americans, many from New York.

There were hugs, tears and bafflement in equal measure. TIFF elected to cancel many of the day's events and tone down the glitz for the rest of the festival.

But the show would go on and in that moment art won over terror.

What we began to hear were stories from New York filmmakers who, with all flights cancelled to and from the city, were loading cans of film into their cars and driving to the festival.

It wasn't about vanity and it wasn't about ego.

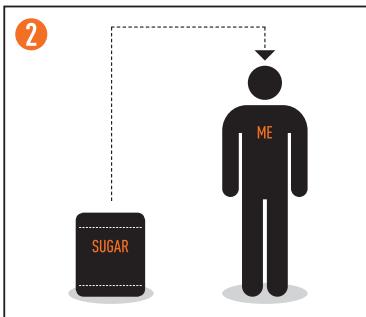
It was about filmmakers, the storytellers of our times, the people who document our lives, not being silenced.

The rest of the festival was a sombre affair but there was a steeliness uncommon at the usually glitzy event. We gathered, watched films, communicated and healed, sending a message that the uncertainty of the times would not prevent us from expressing ourselves, from sharing stories.

Fourteen years later I think back to those days and realize that terror didn't win on 9/11.

As long as we don't allow ourselves to go silent, as long as we breathe life into our stories and experiences on film and elsewhere, we won't and can't live in fear.

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MOVIES YOU WON'T BELIEVE ARE GETTING MADE

Just when you thought Hollywood reached its creative low point after making movies based on every video game, cartoon, toy and '80s TV show ever created (not to mention all those reboots), it turns out that blockbuster ideas can be even less inspired. Some mind-bogglingly ridiculous movies based on random pop-culture artifacts have been put into development. Here are five. **BRIAN GASPEREK/FOR METRO**

**1 The Pez Movie**

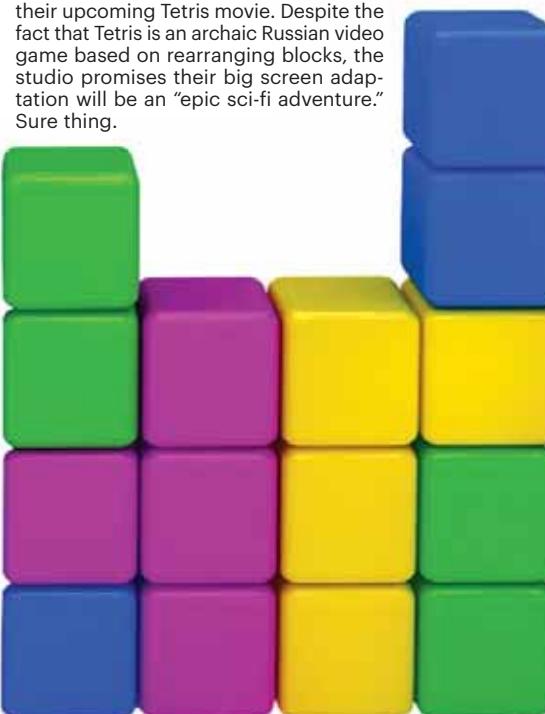
It was announced last week that an animated movie based on the chalky, fruit-flavoured, tablet candy Pez and its plastic dispensers is currently being developed by Envision Media Arts. Although we don't know exactly what the plot will entail, the studio promises the film will be a heart-warming story for the entire family. Right. Maybe we'll get a touching Gobstopper or Chuppa Chupps movie next.

**2 The Emoji Movie**

Last month it was announced that Sony outbid Warner Bros. and Paramount to develop an Emoji movie. Yep, Sony is making a film about the collection of smiley faces that we download and use on our smartphones. Apparently it's the brainchild of the guy who directed Kung Fu Panda: Series of the Masters. If it will be anything like it sounds, the Smiling Poop Emoji should have a starring role.

**3 Tetris**

Although we've seen video games like Resident Evil and Tomb Raider easily flipped into movies due to the fact that they contain both characters and a plot, you've got to wonder what the heck Threshold Entertainment is thinking with their upcoming Tetris movie. Despite the fact that Tetris is an archaic Russian video game based on rearranging blocks, the studio promises their big screen adaptation will be an "epic sci-fi adventure." Sure thing.

**4 Monopoly**

Believe it or not, a Monopoly movie has been passed around between several studios over the years. At one point Ridley Scott was actually attached to direct it. Now Lionsgate is developing the Monopoly flick and they say it will be a family story about a boy from Baltic Avenue that "uses both Chance and Community in a quest to make his fortune, taking him on an adventure-filled journey." We're not kidding. Will Rich Uncle Pennybags be the villain?

**5 Settlers of Catan**

Board game inspired movies like Battleship and Clue may have ended up being stinky cinematic duds, but that couldn't possibly happen to a film based on a game that's as exhilarating as Settlers of Catan, right? Hmm. Earlier this year, Air Force One producer Gail Katz bought the rights to bring Catan to the big screen in the near future. She might want to get her writers to keep it very, very loosely based on the game ... unless her objective is to put people to sleep.

INTERVIEW

Screenwriter reflects on changing climate in U.S. for gay rights**Ned Ehrbar**
Metro | Hollywood

Screenwriter Ron Nyswaner (Philadelphia) has been watching closely as the push for marriage equality ramped up over the last five years, culminating in June's U.S. Supreme Court victory.

He was particularly interested because he'd been working on a feature adaptation of the documentary short *Freeheld*, chronicling the fight of cancer-stricken New Jersey detective Laurel Hes-

ter to have her pension awarded to her domestic partner.

That film debuts at TIFF with Julianne Moore starring as Hester, and Nyswaner thinks now is a great time to stop and reflect on this turning point in the fight for gay marriage.

I'd imagine it's dizzying how much has changed in terms of marriage equality.

To be quite honest, I certainly never thought I'd see in my lifetime that gay marriage would be the law of the land in the United States, and I even think five years ago I

thought it was maybe possible, but I didn't think that it would happen as quickly as it did. So I think we were a little ahead of the curve, and I'm kind of happy about that. And if you think about back in 2008, neither Barack Obama nor Hillary Clinton — both of whom are people I admire — supported gay marriage.

In that context, how is it to view this story? Suddenly it's very much a period piece. Laurel died in 2005, so it's a period piece of a very recent period. Steven Goldstein, who

is played by Steve Carell in the movie and is a very important activist and leader in the fight for same-sex marriage in that state, he will tell you that Laurel and Stacie's struggle in New Jersey in 2004 and 2005 was a turning point. It brought so much attention because they had so much dignity and were asking for something in such a simple and dignified way that he knows many, many politicians who said, "That was it for me. Their fight in New Jersey was the thing that changed my mind." Now we can look at their story as this

**Freeheld makes its debut at TIFF.** HANDOUT

really significant moment in history, when they were just at the moment before the tide

turned. And because of their struggle and courage, they were at the forefront.

PROFILE

Oscar buzz and projects aplenty have Bel Powley busy

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



Bel Powley may not be a household name quite yet, but there's surely no doubt that the English actress may soon be.

When her acclaimed drama *The Diary of a Teenage Girl* premiered at this year's Sundance Film Festival, it quickly thrust Powley into the spotlight as one of cinema's hottest rising stars — and no less than five forthcoming movie projects almost immediately fell into her lap.

"I think it's important to just ride the wave," offered Powley of her skyrocketing success recently.

But simply "riding the wave" may prove more difficult than it seems for the 23-year old talent.

With her breakout at Sundance and an esteemed award from the Niagara Film Fest now decorating her mantle, there's early pressure mount-



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ing for a possible Oscar nomination.

Instead, Powley prefers to concentrate on what compelled her to portray a young girl drawn into an affair with her mother's 35-year old boy-

friend in the first place — filmmaker Marielle Heller's fresh take on teenage female sexuality.

"When I was growing up, I felt really underrepresented in the movies I was watch-

ing," said Powley — insisting cinema has traditionally focused more on male issues of teenage sexuality.

"It's been easier for the patriarchy of Hollywood to make movies about men hav-

ing sex because we teach our daughters that your virginity is something that you should guard; that boys are going to come and take it away from you."

Based on a graphic novel,

STATUS QUO

Pushing for change

Powley offers her own theory for why Hollywood seems to have an aversion to female sexuality. "I think our society is afraid of teenage girls. It's a vicious cycle where we're afraid to talk about it," she said. "Hopefully with this movie, things will start to change."

STEVE GOW/METRO

The Diary of a Teenage Girl instead empowers its young protagonist which, in turn, gave Powley a chance to act brazenly unguarded on-camera.

The actress was certainly courageous to spend much of the movie naked — both emotionally and physically — but it was getting into the mind of a teenager that proved the most daunting challenge.

"I thought about myself and how I felt when I was a teenager," admitted Powley. "Tapping back into how extreme you feel when you're a teenager (and) with that, tapping back into the way you hold yourself when you're a teenager. Your body is changing so rapidly. There are times when you feel like Bambi just learning to walk."

SOCIAL CHANGE

LGBT issues get reel time

Ellen Page was first approached about the true-life gay rights drama *Freeheld* when she was 21, just coming off her breakthrough in *Juno*. It was seven years before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriage is a right, and six before Page, herself, came out.

"It really did align with an internal process I was going through with my own identity, with my own struggles of being closeted," says Page of *Freeheld*. "It's lovely to be part of a film that's reflecting upon why we need the Supreme Court ruling and why we need to continue to strive to equality. I think the film is reflecting a time when that change is happening."

As much as change is in the

air in 2015, it's also on the screen. Though Hollywood's track record when it comes to telling the stories of LGBT lives is far from gleaming, this fall season boasts one of the richest and most varied batch of films yet to dramatize the struggles of gay and transgendered people.

Freeheld (in theatres Oct. 2) is about Laurel Hester (Julianne Moore) and her domestic partner, Stacie Andree (Page). When Hester, an Ocean County, N.J. police officer, began dying of terminal lung cancer in 2005, she appealed to the county Board of Freeholders to allow her pension to go to Andree. Though it would have been automatic for a married couple, the board initially refused.

Todd Haynes' *Carol* (out Nov. 20), based on Patricia Highsmith's novel, is about the illicit love affair between two women (Cate Blanchett, Rooney Mara) in the conservative 1950s. A lushly detailed period film, thick with an atmosphere of socially enforced repression, the film rides a wave of praise from the Cannes Film Festival, where Mara shared in the best actress award.

Also in November is *The Danish Girl*, directed by Tom Hooper (*The King's Speech*). Based on the 1920s Copenhagen novel by David Ebershoff and starring Eddie Redmayne, it's a fictionalized account of Lili Elbe, among the first to undergo sex reassignment surgery.

In a year marked by significant advancement for gay rights, many, like Page, are buoyed by the upswing in this fall's films — a crop of movies that add more lesbian and transgender stories to the indelible, but largely male movies (*Philadelphia*, *Milk*, *Brokeback Mountain*) that have come before.

"I wish there were more gay stories and I do think that that's happening," she says. "That does seem like something that's getting a lot stronger, thankfully — a voice that's getting stronger, a community that's getting stronger."

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Rooney Mara and Cate Blanchett star in *Carol*, one of many films this fall that dramatize the struggles of gay and transgendered people. CONTRIBUTED

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A hologram will immortalize Billie Holiday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK

Billie Holiday to sing as a hologram

The Apollo Theater will launch a hologram of Billie Holiday later this year.

The theatre, based in Harlem, New York, said this week the likeness of the late musical icon will be developed by Hologram USA. The launch of the hologram is to boost Apollo's daytime programming. It will be available for viewing during the theatre's daytime tours.

The Apollo's nighttime programming includes "Amateur Night" and "Apollo Music Cafe."

Holiday, who made her debut at the Apollo when she was 19, appeared at the famed venue nearly 30 times. She was born in Philadelphia and died in 1959 in New York City at age 44.

She was inducted into Apollo's Walk of Fame earlier this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Abel Tesfaye, a.k.a. The Weeknd is having a superstar moment. GETTY IMAGES

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Toronto R&B star's latest album is a No. 1 Billboard hit

He had a mixtape out called House of Balloons that absolutely was magnificent. His manager, Tony Sal, and I had been chatting about my admiration for Abel. And the U.S. labels were all coming up here.

What did you make of Abel on a personal level?

He is incredibly bright. Authentically shy — that is real. And even his personality now, as he breaks, he's still a very, very humble young man. Not overwhelmed, incidentally. Just riding this and having the time of his life.

Did you foresee how much mainstream potential he'd have?

It was always about the music. He just has good taste. His sense of melody, his stunning voice, and his cool look is a triple threat.

For a long time he refused to do interviews, and some of us viewed that as a tactic to cultivate mystery. What did you make of it?

It was entirely his vision. His vision was: "Let my music speak for me. They can get to know me later." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Do you remember the first time you heard Abel?

Indie rock gets mocked

THE PLATEAUS

Meet the most ridiculous band since Spinal Tap

Brian Gasparek
For Metro Canada



The show features a reunion of the Popular Mechanics For Kids cast.

Spinal Tap was one of the most hilarious rock 'n' roll parody bands to ever grace our screens.

It was a fictitious rock group that spoofed the very real ridiculousness that is the music industry. This fall we're getting introduced to the next generation of great buffoon rockers lost in an industry of absurdity, The Plateaus.

The Plateaus is a CBC.ca comedy series created by and starring Schitt's Creek's Annie Murphy along with actors/writers Matt Raudsepp and Kyle Gatehouse.

The series follows a perfectly clichéd indie rock band that's hovering at the brink of success after releasing an infectious hit single.

In a moment of rock 'n' roll irony, the band loses its self-indulgent but talented lead singer to a freak guitar-shredding accident.

Despite possessing zero talent, the clueless trio of remaining members refuses to fall off their path to superstardom. Rock 'n' roll ridiculousness ensues.

"Five or six years ago when I was an unemployed actress in Montreal, I ended up touring around with my husband's band

a lot," explains Murphy.

"There were too many instances of heated band arguments about outrageous things like who would be the best tight rope walker and so many encounters with these crazy industry people that took themselves so, so seriously. I started writing down all those instances and came up with the idea for this show."

As the series' dim-witted leads, Murphy, Raudsepp and Gatehouse are far from alone in all of their humorous misadventures as The Plateaus.

The ten episodes each feature a whack of bizarrely eccentric industry players played by a well curated supporting cast that includes Kevin MacDonald, Eric Peterson, a Popular Mechanics For Kids reunion of Jay Baruchel, Elisha Cuthbert and Tyler Kyte and of course Montreal rocker Sam Roberts who plays an epically sleazy label exec.

"We dressed Sam in pleather



The Plateaus follows a perfectly clichéd indie rock band that's hovering at the brink of success after releasing an infectious hit single. HANDBOUT

We had some very cool people who were willing to go out on a limb and joke around.

Annie Murphy, star and creator of The Plateaus

pants, snake skin shoes, a Michael Vick jersey and diamond studs, and he said 'Guys! I've never felt so good. I feel like a real a-hole!'" jokes Murphy.

"We had some very cool

people who were willing to go out on a limb and joke around. It was an amazing cast that we drummed up."

Murphy even managed to recruit beloved Canadian chil-

dren's performer Fred Penner to play The Plateau's landlord, a series highlight.

"I met him at a Pop Montreal show and I've never been so flustered to meet someone before," gushes Murphy.

"I asked him to be in my web series and instead of him saying 'no, I'm Fred Penner you idiot,' he was like 'that sounds absolutely lovely. Here's my email address.'

"I hope the series makes people laugh," says Murphy of her personal project that has been five years in the making.

"I hope people are happy to see a few familiar faces acting differently than they normally do, and I hope it brings some pleasure into their lives for a few minutes, as corny as that may sound."

The Plateaus is now streaming on cbc.ca/plateaus.

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Hot off the grill

Gordon Ramsay, Tom Aikens and April Bloomfield are among a number of Michelin-starred chefs who will be particularly busy this fall. Ramsay and Aikens are each planning dual openings in Dubai and Hong Kong, while Bloomfield is all about burgers in The Big Apple. Check out some of the most highly anticipated restaurant openings around the world. **AFP**

1 New York

Salvation Burger, by April Bloomfield

News that Bloomfield would be opening a restaurant dedicated to burgers has had New Yorkers salivating, given her reputation as the burger queen for her Roquefort-topped burger at The Spotted Pig, a sandwich that enjoys mythical status in the city. You can imagine the excitement once news let out that the chef would be opening a burger joint in similar vein to her Salvation Taco, which has already taken up residence in the Pod Hotel. Burger patties will be cooked over a wood fire. The restaurant will also serve vegetarian, chicken and fish burgers and homemade hot dogs. (October)

Momosan Ramen & Sake, by Masaharu Morimoto

New York's simmering love affair with ramen is about to heat up with the opening of a new Japanese noodle soup restaurant helmed by the Iron Chef Morimoto. Ramen noodles will be suspended in either pork bone or chicken broth, which can be washed down with an extensive sake menu. (October)



2 London



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Les 110 de Taillevent

Michelin-starred Paris restaurant Taillevent is expanding to London at Cavendish Square, where it will open Les 110 de Taillevent, which will serve contemporary and seasonal French dishes. The 110 refers to the number of wines available by the glass. Like its Parisian predecessor, the London outpost is expected to offer four wines for each course in meticulously chosen pairings. (September)



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The Fat Duck, by Heston Blumenthal

After a six-month stint in Australia, during which time his flagship Michelin-starred restaurant The Fat Duck underwent major renovations, British celebrity chef Heston Blumenthal will be reopening the iconic restaurant under a new theme: childhood. Diners will be sent on a culinary journey down memory lane, with a multi-sensory menu that evokes everything from nostalgic, retro breakfast cereals, Alice in Wonderland and nursery rhymes. (Sept. 29)



3 Dubai

Bread Street Kitchen, by Gordon Ramsay

Celebrity chef Ramsay announced in June plans to take up residence at the luxury Atlantis, The Palm Hotel in Dubai. Ramsay brings his popular London restaurant Bread Street Kitchen to the Middle East, an international menu featuring dishes like roasted cod with potatoes, artichoke, salted capers, and red wine and lemon sauce; tamarind spiced chicken wings; and duck breast with potatoes and cabbage puree. (Fall)

Pots, Pans and Boards, by Tom Aikens

After shuttering his eponymously named London restaurant that launched Aikens to fame, the chef has set his sights abroad, with concurrent projects in Dubai and Hong Kong. In Dubai, Pots, Pans and Boards, named after Aikens' memories of clanging pots in the family kitchen, will be a casual eatery serving English, Mediterranean and French dishes. (September)



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ON THE MOVE

Protect your belongings at the hotel and on the go

Loren Christie
For Metro Canada

Nothing can ruin a travel adventure quicker than having your money or personal possessions stolen. Following are some top tactical tips to avoid travel theft.

Credit card

Before you leave on vacation call your credit card company to let them know you are travelling. They can flag your card for any unusual or potentially fraudulent charges and put a stop to the fraud before it starts.

At the hotel

The public and transient nature of a hotel make it an attractive place to commit petty crime so be smart. Safes have become fairly commonplace but it is worth asking if your hotel has in-room safes when making your guestroom reservation. If they do, use them.

If you are travelling alone also ask for a room close to the elevator. Do not answer the door to an unexpected guest. If they claim to be a hotel employee, call the front desk to verify. Use the "Do Not Disturb" sign if you want strangers to think



Nanjing Road, Shanghai's busiest shopping street. Large gatherings give pickpockets the opportunity to blend into crowds, but there are ways you can reduce your risk. iSTOCK

you are in-house and leave the closets and bathroom door open when you leave.

Crowd control

Avoid large gatherings. Whether it is a celebration, rally or protest, pickpockets like to blend into chaotic crowds as they search for unsuspecting tourists.

Consider purchasing a travel-safe purse with a "slash-proof" strap. There are also purses and wallets equipped with anti-scan pockets to assist you in fending off tech-savvy criminals who try and scan your credit card information.

Outer appearances

A recent survey from The Divine Destination Collection, Canada's curator of unique luxury travel adventures, found that its upscale clientele strongly believed

that leaving the bling at home is the key to avoiding theft on vacation. Of the respondents, 76.6 per cent do not travel wearing valuable clothing, watches or jewelry, and 36.67 per cent admitted that they actually dress down while on vacation.

Party smart

Be wary of new friends. Without a doubt meeting people is one of the best parts of travelling, but not everyone has your best interests at heart. Keep conversations light and do not offer up any personal information, such as where you are staying or your cabin number if you happen to be on a cruise.

Also make sure to drink responsibly. It's fine to let your hair down on vacation but you always want to be in control and aware of your surroundings.

TRENDS

Global tourist numbers up four per cent in first half: UN

The number of international tourists rose by four per cent worldwide during the first half of 2015 although security and health concerns hit hard some African destinations, the UN World Tourism Organization said Thursday.

Some 538 million tourists made trips to international destinations between January and June 2015 — 21 million more compared with the same period last year, the Madrid-based body said in a statement.

"These results show that, despite increased volatility, tourism continues to consolidate the positive performance it has had over the last five years and to provide development and economic opportunities worldwide," said the organization's head Taleb Rifai.

Global tourism figures were hard hit by the global financial crisis, declining four per cent in 2009 as an outbreak of swine flu also contributed to cash-strapped people staying at home, but have risen in each year since.

Asia, the Middle East and Europe, the world's most visited region, all saw a five per cent increase in arrivals, with the Americas posting growth of four per cent. But Africa saw a drop of six per cent.

North Africa, which was shaken by terrorist attacks in Tunisia, a popular lower-cost beach holiday spot for Europeans, saw

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Some 538 million tourists made trips to international destinations between January and June 2015.

arrivals fall by 10 per cent while sub-Saharan Africa had a decline of four per cent.

"Alongside the impacts of the terrorist attacks, African destinations have been impacted by the aftermath of the Ebola outbreak in a few West African countries and the slower growth of regional economies depending on the export of oil and other commodities," the tourism body said.

The organization predicts international tourism arrivals will increase by three to four per cent during all of 2015, after expanding by 4.7 per cent last year. AFP

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Dachyshyn living the dream

SEASON PREVIEW

Local teenager 'honoured' to wear Herd crest

Ben Cousins
For Metro

Barrett Dachyshyn will be fulfilling a childhood dream Friday.

The 16-year-old rookie centre from Halifax will make his QMJHL debut for the Halifax Mooseheads in Charlottetown against the Islanders.

"I'm honoured to wear the Mooseheads logo, it's been a dream of mine ever since I was a kid," he said. "To finally be able to do it is an awesome feeling."

Sept. 18 marks the Mooseheads home opener, which could be an expensive night for Dachyshyn.

"I've got some buddies that have been asking for some tickets and hopefully I can get

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The Halifax Mooseheads have named four players — Cody Donaghey, Cavan Fitzgerald, Taylor Ford and Danny Moynihan — as assistant captains. No captain has been named.

some, but I'm mostly happy that my family is going to be there."

Dachyshyn joins a roster with five other Bluenosers including Brett Crossley, Andrew Shewfelt, Kelly Bent, Morgan Nauss and fellow rookie Walter Flower.

Head coach Dominique Ducharme said the team doesn't actively search for Nova Scotian talent, but said it's a bonus to have players with built-in team pride — Dachyshyn being the perfect example.

"I was always at the games and high-fiving the players," said Dachyshyn, whose father, Dean, played for the Nova Scotia Oilers in the 1980s.

"Now being one of the players and seeing how the kids are, it really has a special place in my heart."

Ducharme said Dachyshyn has the speed and size for a successful career in the league.

"We're really happy to have him and, like all of our young players, our goal with him is to see him improve from one game to the other."

The Mooseheads drafted Dachyshyn 57th overall in the 2014 draft as a 15-year-old.

He spent last season with the Halifax McDonald's of the Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey League.

Ducharme said it would take some time for Dachyshyn to get used to the speed and physicality of the QMJHL.

"He's got really good work ethic and that's where it starts when you want to improve."

+NHL TRYOUTS

Timo Meier (San Jose Sharks), Cavan Fitzgerald (San Jose Sharks) and Cody Donaghey (Toronto Maple Leafs) are all attending NHL training camps and won't be in the lineup this weekend.

Coach's thoughts:

The Mooseheads' training camp is over and the team is getting antsy to start the season.

"Once the team is made, players want to be playing real games and that's what we're doing this weekend and everyone's excited about that," Ducharme said after practice Wednesday.

The Mooseheads open up their season with a mini-road trip in Charlottetown Friday and in Saint John Saturday.

The team is looking to improve on its 12th-place finish from last year.

"If we're playing the game we want to be playing, the results will follow," said Ducharme.

Timo Meier is expected to lead the team, if he doesn't crack the San Jose Sharks opening day lineup, that is.

The Sharks drafted the Swiss right-winger ninth overall in this year's NHL entry draft.

For Ducharme, the goal for this season is the same as always.

"We have 68 games to prepare for the playoffs, we want to come into the rink every day and improve."



Halifax Mooseheads centre Barrett Dachyshyn takes a breather between drills at practice at the Civic Centre on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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HOCKEY**Hefford retires from Canadian women's hockey**

Jayna Hefford left the Canadian women's hockey team the way she arrived — winning gold in overtime against the United States.

After 17 years, four Olympic gold medals and multiple world championships, the 38-year-old forward from Kingston, Ont., was among three players announcing their retirements from Canadian women's team hockey Thursday.

Hefford, forward Gillian Apps of Unionville, Ont., and Montreal defenceman Catherine Ward wore the Maple Leaf for the last time in Canada's 3-2 overtime win over the U.S. in the final of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

The three women did not play for Canada last season as they stepped away from hockey and pondered their futures. Apps, 31, won three Olympic gold medals during her career and the 28-year-old Ward earned two.

Hefford ranks second behind Canadian teammate Hayley Wickenheiser in all-time games played (267), goals (157) and points (291) for Canada.

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Jayna Hefford

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NHL**No. 1 pick leads Oilers rookies into Young Stars tourney**

Edmonton Oilers phenom Connor McDavid took the next step in his NHL career Thursday, checking in to rookie camp before heading out to play in the Young Stars tournament in B.C.

"It'll be fun," McDavid told reporters after he and the other Oiler rookies finished up medical and fitness testing at Rexall Place. "Penticton is part of the process. Let's get it started."

Rookies from the Oilers will play against fellow first-year rivals from the Winnipeg Jets, Vancouver Canucks and Calgary Flames starting Friday in Penticton.

The Oilers' main camp begins next week, and the anticipation of McDavid's arrival in the Alberta capital continues to build. The team announced Thursday that crowds for the first days of training camp are expected to be so large, a lottery will be held to determine who gets in.

McDavid's dazzling offensive talent has observers predicting he is a generational player akin to Pittsburgh Penguins great Sidney Crosby.

The 18-year-old forward, drafted first overall this spring by Edmonton, said he is getting used to the glare of the spotlight.

"It's something I've prepared for," he said. "It comes with the job that we all picked."



Connor McDavid says he is getting used to the glare of the spotlight that comes with being compared to the likes of Sidney Crosby and Wayne Gretzky. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

While McDavid is the headliner, the Oilers are hoping a number of highly talented newcomers will take the next step this season and return the Oilers to the playoffs for the first time since 2006.

Two of them, centre Leon Draisaitl and defenceman Darnell Nurse, will be with McDavid in Penticton. Nurse said the intensity of the tournament is a good way to start.

"You don't play many games in the summer that have high

+ IN PENTICTON

The Young Stars Tournament runs from Friday to Monday. The Oilers rookies were 2-1 at last year's event, with Draisaitl and Nurse in the lineup.

tempos ... so it will be good to go out there and get my legs under me," said Nurse.

He added it will be fun to

play with McDavid.

"He's a very dangerous player," Nurse said. "He goes out there every day and works hard, and pushes himself. It's something the other guys feed off of."

Nurse is looking to stick full time with Edmonton after playing just two games last season before returning to junior. Draisaitl, meanwhile, played 37 games with Edmonton before being sent down to junior.

The former first-round pick

said his goal for this training camp hasn't changed.

"I come in with the same mindset," said Draisaitl. "I want to establish myself as a full-time NHL player."

Head coach Todd McLellan has said he is considering moving him from centre to wing. Draisaitl said he hasn't played the position recently, but has in the past.

"It shouldn't be too big of an adjustment," he said.

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U.S. OPEN**Serena's semifinal pushed to Friday**

Serena Williams will have to wait before continuing her bid for a calendar-year Grand Slam: Her U.S. Open semifinal was postponed because of rain in the forecast.

The top-seeded Williams was supposed to face 43rd-ranked Roberta Vinci of Italy on Thursday night at Flushing Meadows, but nearly four hours before that match would have started, the U.S. Tennis Association — citing a prediction of "rain throughout the evening" — pushed back

both women's semifinals until Friday.

Williams is trying to become the first tennis player since Steffi Graf in 1988 to earn all four Grand Slam titles in a single season. She won the Australian Open in January, the French Open in June and Wimbledon in July.

The other women's semifinal moved to Friday from Thursday is No. 2 Simona Halep of Romania against No. 26 Flavia Pennetta of Italy.

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IN BRIEF**Blue Jays-Yankees opener postponed due to rain**

The game between the AL East-leading Toronto Blue Jays and the second-place New York Yankees scheduled for Thursday night was postponed because of rain.

It was called more than an hour before it was supposed to begin. The teams will make it up with a doubleheader Saturday starting at 1:05 p.m., with the second game beginning a half-hour after the opener ends.

The Blue Jays lead the Yankees by 1-1/2 games going into this four-game series. Toronto ace David Price had been set to start off against Yankees rookie Luis Severino.

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Dikembe Mutombo gives his patented finger wave beside Lisa Leslie at the Basketball Hall of Fame. JESSICA HILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Mutombo, White make Hall of Fame

After Dikembe Mutombo wagged that index finger a few more times and Dick Bavetta hugged nearly everyone in sight, Jo Jo White slowly made his way to the podium.

The former Boston Celtics star, once so indefatigable that he played 60 minutes in an NBA Finals game, is no longer a speedster after surgery to remove a brain tumour. He received a few assists just to make the short walk to the microphone inside the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, where he made it clear just how much he loved the game.

"I thank the Lord every day," White said, "and I'm still here."

Inside the Hall, he will be forever. The 2015 class will be enshrined Friday, highlighted by greats in coaching (John Calipari), officiating (Bavetta), and of

I thank the Lord every day. And I am still here.

Jo Jo White, who recently had a brain tumor removed

course, playing.

Mutombo and White are in that category, along with Spencer Haywood and women's star Lisa Leslie.

Tom Heinsohn is being inducted as a coach after already being enshrined as a player, and will be joined by former coaches George Raveling and Australia's Lindsay Gaze, plus ABA star Louis Dampier and early African-American player John Isaacs.

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Premier League scores goal for British tourism industry

The lure of British football is highlighted in a study that found 800,000 visitors to the country last year attended a match, spending more than \$1 billion during their time there.

Figures released by Visit-Britain show that around 40 per cent of the tourists going to a match said watching

sport was the main reason for visiting Britain.

Old Trafford and Emirates Stadium, the homes of Manchester United and Arsenal, were the most popular destinations. One in 10 overseas visitors to the northwest of England - where clubs such as United, Manchester City and Liverpool are located - attended a Premier League match.

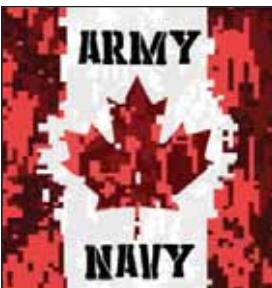
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Olympics in sight as Wiggins leads Canada

FIBA AMERICAS

NBA rookie of the year has averaged 15 points per game

Canada is in position to secure a berth to its first Olympic basketball tournament since Sydney 2000, with Andrew Wiggins leading a young team that has been too much to handle in the qualifiers and is aiming to be a surprise in Rio 2016.

Wiggins, the NBA rookie of the year last season for Minnesota, is averaging 15.5 points in the FIBA Americas Tournament. He'll lead a Canadian team that finished first and will play Venezuela in the semifinals with an Olympic spot at stake.

In the other semifinal Friday night, Argentina will face Mexico. Canada beat Venezuela by 20 points in the first round and is the heavy favourites to qualify for Rio.

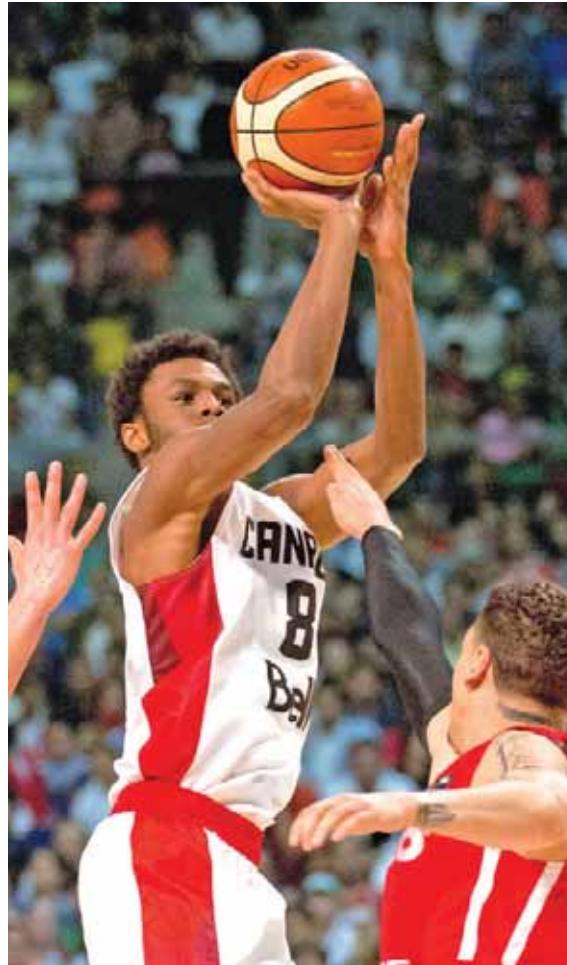
After losing 94-87 to Argentina in its first game of the tournament, Canada has won seven straight — by an average of 27.7 points.

"This Canadian team is something that this tournament has not seen for quite some time," Venezuela coach Nestor Garcia said. "Their talent level is unbelievable."

Along with Wiggins and Minnesota teammate Anthony Bennett, Canada features another seven NBA players.

The oldest is the Los Angeles Lakers' Robert Sacre, a 26 year-old centre who's a reserve.

But none of those NBA players is as talented as Wiggins, a 20-year-old forward who averaged 16.9 points in his first NBA season.



Andrew Wiggins will be key for Canada against Venezuela in the semifinal on Friday with an Olympic berth on the line.

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"He's a great player, and he's adapted and fit into anything that we've asked him to do with our team here," Canada coach Jay Triano said. "He has become one of our leaders, a guy we can run plays for or put him in situations where he can make plays for others."

Wiggins is the fifth-best scorer in the tournament, but he's averaging only 24.4 minutes. Luis Scola, from Argentina, is the leader at 22.4 points, but he's playing 31.2 minutes per game.

Triano is using the team's depth to rotate players and

TEAM EFFORT

Andrew Wiggins' attitude and performances are spurring on the rest of the team because Cory Joseph (10.4 points), Nik Stauskas (13.6) and Brady Heslip (10.6) are averaging double digits in scoring.

that has allowed fans in Mexico City to see an improved version of Wiggins.

"I feel better playing shorter minutes because I can make every minute count," said Wiggins, who averaged 36.2 minutes in his first NBA season. "The intensity is higher because I know I don't have to win it all by myself and that the team will not miss me when I go to the bench."

Wiggins's attitude is helping the team on the court because Cory Joseph (10.4 points), Nik Stauskas (13.6) and Brady Heslip (10.6) are averaging double digits in scoring.

Off the field, the team has come together as well.

"They are making sacrifices and doing everything to win a game, they are putting their agendas to one side, they believe in each other and are like a family. That helps on the court because they know they have each other's back," added Triano, an assistant with the Portland Trail Blazers.

The team was assembled by Steve Nash, the former NBA MVP who took over the role of general manager in 2012.

"I feel like this is what I envisioned," Nash said. "There were moments where maybe I wasn't sure it was going to come along this crisply, but I've enjoyed the heck out of it, for sure." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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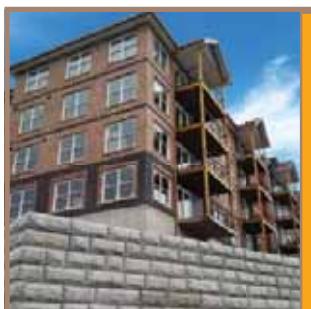


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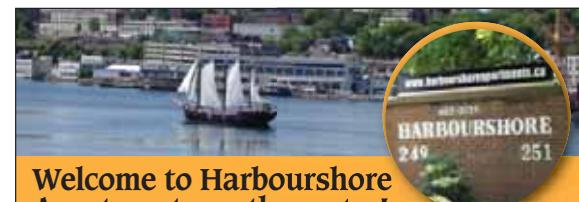


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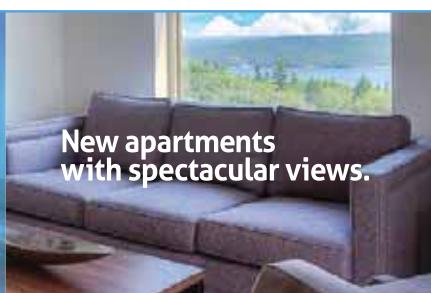
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RECIPE Turkey, Corn and Bean Chili



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This chili is great served by itself, in a hollowed-out bun or over a baked potato. Serves 6.

Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 Tbsp margarine or butter
- 1 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1 cup diced green bell pepper
- 1 lb lean ground turkey
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 1 can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 cup canned or frozen whole kernel corn
- 1 jalapeno pepper, chopped (without seeds)
- 2 tsp chili powder
- Garnish
- 1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup green onions

• 2 Tbsp chopped cilantro

Directions

1. Melt margarine in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook onion and green pepper, stirring occasionally until tender, about five minutes. Add ground turkey, stirring occasionally until done, about five minutes.
2. Stir in garlic, beans, tomatoes, corn, jalapeno pepper and chili powder. Reduce heat to low and simmer covered, stirring occasionally until heated through, about 20 minutes.
3. Serve in either hollowed-out dinner roll, over pasta, baked potato or on its own. Serve with garnishes.

Nutrition per serving (chili)

- Calories 255
- Protein 26 g
- Carbohydrates 21 g
- Fibre 5 g
- Total fat 9 g
- Saturated fat 3 g
- Cholesterol 45 mg
- Sodium 409 mg

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

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1. Dress pants
7. "The National" airer
10. Val-___, Quebec
13. Capital of Cuba
14. Choo! Choo!... 'Station' in Quebec
15. Pres. Eisenhower
16. Made amends
17. Canadian filmmaker Mr. Reitman
18. Soldier's food-in-a-packet [acronym]
19. Salon rinse
20. Preacher, e.g.
21. Become better
22. 'E' in P.E.I., briefly
24. Feudal lord; or, a city in Belgium
26. __ (Slightly)
29. Org.
31. Burdened
35. Haves and have-__
36. Poetically far
37. "Thy will __ in earth..." - The Lord's Prayer
38. Canada: 3 wds.
41. One of The Dionne Quintuplets
42. Obtained
43. Challenger
44. __ Entertain You" by British pop star Robbie Williams: 2 wds.
45. Vincent van Gogh's brother
46. Beige
47. "It doesn't matter whether __ __..."
48. American airer since '71
51. Similar
54. Gold: Spanish
55. Later on
59. Ms. Imbruglia, to pals
60. Clothing line for
"Shark Tank" tycoon Daymond John
61. Stick or split
62. B'way's locale
63. Help __ hand
64. Well-__ (Rich)
65. __ la la!
66. Lana Del __
67. Autumn
flowers

6. __ Songs (Say So Much)" by Elton John
7. Hazard for miners: 2 wds.
8. Courageous
9. 100 yrs.
10. Bluenose coin
11. Gumbo
12. Fishing rod

part
14. Fun for fellow female friends: 3 wds.
21. Alanis Morissette song that goes "You ask how my day was": 3 wds.
23. The Were connector (Barbra Streisand/Robert Redford flick): 2 wds.
25. "Glengarry _ Ross" (1992)
26. One of Charlie's trio on '70s TV
27. Singer Mel
28. Had that sandwich: 2 wds.
30. Musical fifth note, variantly
32. Like an ancient style of architecture in Greece
33. Participate
34. Psychedelic jacket style
37. Make a wager at the casino: 2 wds.
39. Level
40. Boot bit
45. Newfoundland town near St. John's
48. Fruitless: 2 wds.
50. Becomes ashen from fright
51. Latin 'year'
52. Send to the boxing canvas
53. Rash reaction
56. Story
57. __ since that time...
58. Many wines
60. Evergreen tree
61. __-ching!"

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20

Make a serious effort to get along with people. You will be forgiven almost any transgression but in return you must not get angry every time others get something wrong.

Taurus April 21 - May 20

No, you must not start slowing down. The approaching solar eclipse will bring you all sorts of new opportunities and this could turn out to be one of the best times of the year, so set your sights high and push harder.

Gemini May 22 - June 21

You must be decisive today; loved ones will be expecting you to give some kind of lead. Remember that despite your occasional minor differences you are part of the same team.

Cancer June 22 - July 23

You may have good reason to be annoyed by someone's behaviour but the approaching eclipse means it is not worth your time or energy. If certain individuals get you down then turn your back and walk away.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

A new cycle is about to begin, one that will help you get more materially. Even a Leo needs to pay the bills and the weekend will bring you new insights into ways to make money.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Sunday's eclipse in your sign promises a new beginning, but don't just sit back and wait for wonderful things to happen. The more effort you put in now the more you will get.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Attitude is everything. With the right outlook you will find ways to turn all events in your favour, even those which, on the surface at least, seem to be acting against your interests. Think positive.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may be a loner by nature but make an effort to get along with others. It may not be possible to like everyone but that does not mean you cannot work with them.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

The approaching eclipse will make it easy for you to reach out and influence events. Don't sit around lamenting missed opportunities, get out and make a few more.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Make time to plan for the future. The more you look ahead the more likely it is you will get lucky before the end of the year. You will soon get a chance to move up in the world.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Some of what happens over the next few days may be hard to understand but be assured there is a reason. Play along and don't doubt for a moment that everything will come right in the end. Somehow it always does.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

You will get the chance to put relationships on a firmer footing — make good use of it. It will be easier if you are willing to confess that your attitude has been part of the problem.

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